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Applicants are reminded that drawing corrections or changes will be entered at the time they are presented, unless applicant is notified to the contrary by the examiner in the action following the amended drawing submission. MPEP 608.02(x). However, as a courtesy to the applicants, this communication confirms receipt and acceptance of the drawings and amendments to the Specification filed October 4, 2005.

New drawings, to add figures 7D and 7E, were received on October 4, 2005. These drawings are accepted by the Examiner. Accordingly, the drawing objections under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) made in the Notice of Allowability mailed August 3, 2005 is withdrawn. The amendment to the Specification, related to the newly added drawings, are also accepted and entered into record.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul H. Kang whose telephone number is (571) 272-3882. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 hour flex. First Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on (571) 272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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